23.1.75 Partly Cloudy - 8.00 to 9.30 A.M

Umayalpuram - very little flow in the Kaveri - harvesting not yet started fully.

For the first time noticed a Golden Oriole - very late notice

About 15 to 20 vultures (?) sitting in the middle of Kaveri.

This hour of the morning is not as good as the early hour. Cloudy & drizzling for the past two days - no significant rain for the period.

In the cottage Rufous Shrike was noted for the first time

1 Vulture ?
2 Green Shank
3 Paraih kite
4 Brahminy kite
5 Marsh Harrier
6 Paddy Bird
7 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
8 Common Bee Eater
9 Swallow
10 Palm swift
11 Brown Swift
12 White Breasted Kingfisher
13 Pied Crested Cuckoo
14 Drongo
15 Grey Drongo
16 ~~E~~Golden Oriole
17 Little Minavet
18 Redvented Bul-bul
19 Spotted Munia
20 Blue Tailed Parakeet
21 House Crow
22 Common Myna
23 Jungle Babbler
24 Common Babbler
25 Purple Sunbird
26 P. Rumped "
27 By'th Reed warbler
28 ~~F~~Fan Tailed Warbler
29 Pied Wagtail
30 Grey Headed Wagtail
31 Spotted Dove
32 Bush Lark

Seen at Colleg

33 Rufous Shrike
34. Black Headed Shrike
35 Jungle Crow

24.1.75. upto New Bridge 6.35 to 7.35 A.M

About 1 c.m Rain ~~previous~~ yesterday evening after a long dry spell -

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters in hundreds circling in four or five places. Swallows also in good numbers. Water birds in small numbers - Wagtails which were in hundreds a month ago were in small number. I saw a new Tern and Robin - Total = 36 for day

36 Shikara
37. Red, Start
38. B. Bellied F Lark
39. Common Sandpiper
40. Spotted Sandpiper
41. Common Kingfisher
42. Wire tailed Swallow
43. Little Tern
44. White headed WagTail
45 Brahmy Myna

Tree Pies and Roller were absent

From Colleque
46 Pied Harries
47 The Roller
48 Indian Robin
49. Coppersmith (Heard)

6-2-75 F.N. 6.30 to 8.20 upto Engoimalai
A.N. 5.00 to 6.30 upto Umalyalpuram.
Hot Day - No Rain - Water in
the cauvery.

21. White Breasted Water Hen
22 Madras Bush Lark
23. Blue Tailed Bee Eales
24. Brown Swift
25. Common Swallow
26. Purple Rumped Sunbird
27. Common Sandpiper
28. Spotted Sandpiper
29. Golden Backed woodpeker
30. White throated Munia
31. Shikara
32. Grey Headed Myna
33 River Tern
34. Paradise Flycatcher
35. Median Egret
36. Paddy Bird
38. Blyth Reed warbler
39. Brahminy Myna
40 Rufous Shrike
41 Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
42. Spotted owlet
43. Lesser sand Plover
44. Fan Tail Warbler
45. Grey Drongo

2.3.1975 - upto new bridge - 6.10 AM to 7.10 A.M

Long dry spell - water released in the Cauvery for the past three days. Harvesting almost over - second Thaladi crop standing in some fields.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters and Swallow still hovering in the early mornings. Sandpipers not seen - Wagtails also completly absent -

21. Spotted Owlet
22. Sikara
23. Tree Pie
24. Indian Robin
25. Madras Bush Lark
26 Cattle Egret
27. Swallow
28 Red Start

5-3-75 Eastern Cauvery Bund upto Umayalpuram

5 to 6-30 P.M - hot but cloudy day - few drops of rain - still water flowing in cauvery.

~~Swifts~~ Swallows in large numbers flying very low over the bund. I think this is due to the fire in the bushes on both sides of the bund. Other birds are also in large numbers and they are very active.

29. Green Shank
30. Red Wattled Lap Wing
31. Iora
32. Purple Rumped Sunbird
33. Golden Backed Woodpecker
34. Cuckoo Drango
35. Brown Swift
36. Scarlet Minavet
37. Jerdon's Chloropsis
38 White Browed Bulbul
39. Flower Pecker
40. Tailor Bird
41. River Tern
42. ~~Banded~~ Forest Wagtail
43. Byeth Wreed Warbles
44. Wood Shrike.

Birds seen After 15.4.1964

16.4.1974 - on the cauvery bank upto Umrayalparam

5.15 P.m to 6.45 P.m - No rain for the past one month. Very little water in the cauvery. Cultivation operation going on in very few fields.

1. Jungle Crow
2. House Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Indian Robin
5. Jungle Babbler
6. Common Myna
7. Rose R. Parakeet
8. Common Bee Eater
9. Little Egret
10. Median Egret
11. Spotted Sandpiper
12. Greenshank
13. Stints.
14. Grey Wagtail
15. Large Pied Wagtail
16. Red Wattled Lapwing
17. Common Swallow
18. Palm Swift
19. Brown Swift
20 Ashy Swallow Shrike
21. Koel
22. Brain Fever Bird
23. Purple Sunbird
24. Purple R. Sunbird
25. Black Drongo
26. Redvented bulbul
27. Spotted Dove
28 Little Minivet
29. River Tern
30 Little Whiskered Tern
31. White breasted Kingfisher

17.4.75 New Bridge

F.N & A.N- went for baths.

32. Indian Roller
33. Black Headed Munia
34. White Backed Munia
35. Indian Pipit
36. Pied Kingfisher
37. White Breasted Waterhen
38 Newkind of Tern ??
39. Rock Pigeon
40. Brahmany kite
41. Paraih Kite

20.4.75 New Brigdge F.N + Afternoon

42. White Throated Munia
43. Black Bellied Finch lark
44 Paddy Bird
45. Grey Patridge
46. Wood Shrike
47. Grey Drongo
48. Blackwinged Stilt

24.4.75 – 5.45 to 8.00 A.M – upto Umayalpuram and return by Cauvery bank. Agriculture operations ~~along the~~ in full swing on both sides of the vaikkal.

One Roller enters a hold in the tree trunk on the main road just 2½ metres above ground level.

Spotted sand pipers and Grey headed Wagtails in large numbers in the fields where ploughing is going on. About fifty (50) birds noted on the trip

49. Large Indian Pratincole seen first time in the cauvery. About half a dozen birds feeding running ~~running~~ on wet sand bed in the river cauvery.

50. Shikara
51 Ashy Wren Warbler
52. White Browed Bulbul
53. Flower Pecker
54. Little Ringe Plover
55. Blue Tailed Bee Eater (only one ?)
56 Cuckoo Shrike
57. Tree Pie

27.4.75 - New Bridge - By Pass Road. -
~~4~~ evenings.

58 Baya Weaver
59 Pied Bush Chat.
60 Spotted Owlet
61 Madras Bush Lark

28.4.75 upto Umayapuram 5.45 to 6.45 AM

To-day I was fortunate enough to see three birds which eluded me for the past ten days. The Swallows were completely absent. Indian Pratincoles seen in good numbers. Spotted sandpipers in good numbers.

62. Hoopie
63. Goldenbacked Woodpecker
64. Iora
65. Golden Oriole(?) or Brahmany Myna

1-5-75 - 5.00 P.M to 6.30 P.M upto New Bridge By Bypass Road and some distance in the cauvery.

To day I ventured ~~some~~ k.ms west in the cauvery and I was fortunate to see certain waders which we could see only along sea coast. Spotted Sandpipers are still in good numbers.

1. Spotted Sandpiper (.
2. Greenshank
3 Lesser Sandplover
4 Common Sandpiper
5 Dunlin.
6 River Tern
7 Black Bellied Tern
8 Paddy Bird
9 Night Heron
10 Midium Egret
11 Pied Wagtail
12 Pied Kingfisher
13 White Br. Kingfisher
14 Madras Bushlark
15 Purple Sunbird
16 Blue Jay
17 Black Drongo
18 House Crow
19 Jungle Crow
20 Myna
21 Common Gr Bee Eater
22 Parakeet
23 Indian Robin
24 Palm Swift
25 House Swift
27. Pariah Kite
28. Brahmany Kite
29. Baya Weaver
30 Ashy Wren Warbler
31. Pied Bush chat

6-5-1975 - upto Umayalpuram 6.30 to 8.00 AM

about ½ c.m Rain yesterday night - Sunny morning - heavy wind.

Spotted sandpipers are still here. about 5 to 10 seen.

Single Black Winged stilt seen.

Some Ducks seen far off in the

Cauvery.

32 Little Egret
33 Black Winged stilt
34 Duck - ?
35 Swallows - (3)
36 Ashy Swallow Shrike
37 Shikara
38 Tailor Bird
39 Yellow Eyed Babbler
40 Jungle Babbler
41 White Headed Babbler
42 Paradise Flycatcher
43 Wood shrike
44. Koel
45 Grey Drongo
~~King Crow~~

46 Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
47 Iora
48 Redwattled Lapwing
49 House Sparrow
50 Little Minivet
51 Pratincole
52 Tree Pie (4)
53. Redvented Bulbul
54. Spotted Owlet
55. Purple Rumped Sunbird
56 Rock Piegeon
57 Spotted Dove
58 Yellow throated Sparrow
59 White throated Munia
60 White Breasted Water Hen

61. Teals about hundred

62. Black Bellied Finch Lark
63. Coppersmith
64. Indian Pipit
65. Golden Backed Woodpecker

10.5.1975 - Thattaiyangar Pettai Road upto 6.5 K.M Mark. A Karuvakadu on the road side. drizzling. ~~Spotted~~ Ring Doves in good numbers. Larks and Drongo. Could prove a best place during winter. Noted Brahmany mynas on the way

66 Brahmany Myna
67 Ring Dove
68 Whitebacked Munia

12.5.75 - upto Umayalpuram - 5.45 to 8.00 A.M.
left my cycle at Viswamithrams house and went to the cauvery. On the way itself saw three Ducks flying from North to Cauvery. In the cauvery 7 ducks flew very low making crackling noise. River Terns, B. Bellied Tern and Pratincoles about (50) were also seen. R. Terns and B. Bellied Terns flew over my heads making thier crys and followed me till it started raining. Pratincoles make a peculiar posture lying on the sand and spreding its wings. The crossed forward for a little distance like a mouse. They also flew over head with the Terns.

Started Raining by 7.00 A.M and completly trenched.

9. Hoopie
0. Grey Heron (4)
Large Egret (1)
Large Cormorants (6)

17.5.75 - தொட்டியம் to உத்தமர் கோயில் கொள்ளிடக்கரை

7.15 to 8.30 A.M - மாந்தோப்புக்கள் - வாய்க்கால் தாழைப் புதர் - மூங்கில் புதர்கள் - கொள்ளிடத்தில் சிறிது தண்ணீர் - வாய்க்காலில் தண்ணீரில்லை.

Tailor Birds, Babblers, Minavets ~~are~~ in good numbers - able to see 5 new Birds not seen around Musiri. On the way saw five Cormorants near Vaithalai.

In winter the area will provide much larger number of birds. Due to thick foliage not able to see much of the birds. One Blue Tailed Bee Eater seen.

73 Magpie Robin
74 Blue Tied Bee Eater
75 Little Cormorants
76 Indian House Swift
77 Little Minavet

20-5-1975 upto மணல் மேடு 7.00 K.M - 6.00 to 8.00 AM

Rain Perivious Evening -

Able to see a Kesteral in the middle of the Paddy field some 100 m from the main Road.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters were also noticed by me near the Manal Tittu in the Cauvery. Hoopies and Wren Warblers were also seen.

Complete absence of Pied Crested Cuckoo and Coucal is the distinct feauture of the season. Grey Patridges were also absent.

Baya Weavers started to build their nests

78. Cattle Egret

79. Kestral

22.5.75 – திருவாசி to நொச்சியம் 7.15 to 8.45 A.m

To day I got down near Thiruvasi then went along the Northern Cooleran Bank upto Nochiyam. The strech provides a potential field for bird watching and Photography. There are many swamp like patches in the Cooleran and it provides feeding ground for Sandpipers and Plovers.

I saw 7 to 8 Grey Herons and few Plovers. The mango garden contains lot of small Birds. After a long interval I saw a Brain Fever Bird singing its heart throbing melodies at very close quarters.

80. Brain Fever Bird
81. Spotted Munia
82. White Scavenger Vulture.

20.6.1975 - upto Umayalpuram - return via north bank of cauvery - 5.45 to 7.15 A.M
Cloudy - Moderate winds - and drizzling the previous evening

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. Paraih Kite
4. Common Myna
5. Jungle Babbler
6. White Headed Babbler
7. White Breasted Kingfisher
8. Black Drongo
9. Palm Swift
10. House Swift
11. Large Egret
12. Grey Heron
13. Night Heron
14. River Tern
15. Large Pied Wag Tail
16. Paddy Bird
17. Pratincole
18. Red Wattled Lapwing

(11–18: Birds seen in Cauvery)

19. Koel
20. Brain Fever Bird
21. Tree Pie
22. Common Bee Eater
23. Common Wood Shrike
24. Red Vented Bulbul
25. Purple Sunbird
26. Purple Rumped Sunbird
27. Copper Smith
28. Grey Drongo
29. White Eyed or White Browed Babbler
30. Indian Robin
31. Parakeet
32. Spotted Dove
33. Brahmany Kite
34. Faintail Wren Warbler
35. Streaked Wren Warbler
36. Tailor Bird
37. Shikara
38. Iora

20.6.75 - upto New Bridge via By pass

Heavy winds - Paddy ripe. 5.00 to 6.15 P.m

39. Blue Jay
40. White Throated Munia
41. Black Bellied Finch Lark
42. Ashy Swallow Shrike
43. ~~Black~~ White Backed Munia
44. Weaver Bird (most of them in Breeding Dress)
45. Little Egret.

1.7.1975 - Via Bypass upto new bridge and then via Salem Road - 6.00 A.M to 7.00 A.M.

Heavy winds subsided - harvesting of the summer crop paddy started

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. Myna
4. Jungle Babbler
5. Black Drongo
6. Blue Jay
7. Indian Robin
8. Pied Bush chat
9. B.B. Finch Lark
10. Palm swift
11. Brown Swift
12. Madras Bush Lark
13. White throated Munia
14. Spotted Munia
15. Black Headed Munia
16. Wh. Breasted Kingfisher
17. C. Green Bee Eater
18. Tree Pie
19. Spotted Dove
20. Baya Weaver
21. Streaked Wr Warbler
22. Ashy Wren Warbler
23. Red Vented Bulbul
24. Parakeet
25. Brahmany Kite

26. Shikara

Another Shikara like bird but some what larger seen while returning from college.

27. Koel (Heard)
28. Spotted Owlet (")

6-7-1975 - ~~4~~.30 to 7.00 P.M Went along the North bund upto Umayalpuram and returned via the Main Road. Eventhough ~~water was released~~ on Friday 48 hours ~~earlier~~ had elapsed since the release of water from Mettur Dam, the water has not yet reached here. Wind not as heavy as during last week.

29. Kentish
~~3~~ or Little Ringed Plover
30. Large Egret
31. Medium Egret
32. Red Wattled Lapwing
33. Large Pied Wagtail
34. Common Kingfisher
35. River Tern
36. (Bl-Bell(?)) Tern
37. Purple Sunbird
38. Purple Rumped Sunbird
39. Little Minavet
40. Brain Fever Bird (Heard)
41. Wood Shrike
42. Chestnut Bittern
([illegible])
43. Ashy Swallowshrike
44. Paddy Bird
45. Iora
46. Golden Backed Woodpecker

24.7.75 upto 2.K.M on the Northern Bund of Cauvery - 5.00 to 6.00 P.M

Heavy Rains around Musiri for the past four days. 31000 c f water in the cauvery. Very cool and comfortable weather. Harvesting operations in full swing 3rd cr[illegible]

A pair of duck seen in Middle of the cauvery. With rumps white distinct. Sandpipers, cormorants, Black winged Stilt were also seen. River Tern no[illegible] as usual.

47 Duck ? probably Pin Tail? or others [illegible]
48 Black winged Stilt
~~Golden Backed Woodpecker~~
49 Grey Heron
50 Cormorand
51 ? sandpiper.
52 Pied Kingfisher
53 Common Kingfisher
54 Little Grebe (Dabchick)
[illegible] Bittern